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The C.A.R.C. meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM.

The next meeting is *December 20th*, at the **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CENTER!**

Goodbye, Our Friends.....

We feel a deep sadness in our hearts this month, as we have lost two fellow amateurs who have fallen silent key. Bill Parks, K8JZN and Bob Foss, KG8II passed away this past month, both due to medical complications.

Bill, one of our founding fathers of the Canton Amateur Radio Club, was truly a leader with his involvement in the amateur community. Bills many accomplishments include his involvement with the Canton and Massillon clubs, running the Sunday morning Stark County Mutual Aid Net since the 1960's, editor and publisher of the feedline, Stark County Directory, Skywarn Coordinator for Stark County, coordinator of amateur communications for the Hall of Fame Parade day, coordinator of amateur communications for the Stark County Bicycle Club, assistant for local VE exams, editor and publisher for the QCWA newsletter, as well as his involvement with the QCWA.

It has taken a half dozen people to pick up where Bill has left off. Family, community service and amateur radio were his life. He was a good friend to all of us. He will be surely missed.....

Our condolences go out to Mickie Parks and Shelby Foss. They are gone but not forgotten. We'll keep their memories alive in our hearts and in our minds, as we remember all the good things they brought us, like friendship and brotherhood.

CARC Dues Deadline

Deadline for club dues is the end of this month. That's several months into a grace period. We have gone to a calendar year for fiscal records, and club dues must be paid by the first of every year. If you have not renewed your club membership, we ask that you do so soon. This may be your last issue of *FEEDLINE* that you receive if you are not current. We do appreciate all your support and participation!!!

Club dues can be sent to: Larry Schmader, K8RMY 3726 12th ST. Canton, OH 44710

Internet: Information Superhighway

We've all heard the buzzwords: Internet, Information Superhighway, World Wide Web, Surfing the Web, Gophers, Cyber Space. What is all this stuff?? Well anyone with a computer, a modem and a few extra bucks per month really owes themselves to find out!!

I recently signed up with a local provider here in Canton, who provides a link to the Internet, to see for myself. It was really very easy. I purchased a program called Netscape Navigator, Personal Edition which is the interface needed to make your computer talk with other computers on the Internet. The program cost about \$35.00 and can be found at any store that sells computer software. I understand you can even download a trial copy of the same program for free, for evaluation purposes. Next I signed up with a provider called Imperium. For a flat monthly fee of \$17.95 they provide unlimited connect time to the Internet. Imperium provided me with a local dial-in phone number and a security password. After loading the software and customizing some of it's features I was ready to "surf the net". It was that easy!

Without getting too detailed here I can tell you that the Internet and it's World Wide Web have something to offer everyone. It truly is an information super highway. I found information on virtually every subject imaginable. There is an enormous amount of information pertaining to amateur radio and related subjects, all free of charge! The ARRL has it's own web page that provides you with information on league activities, current news, WIAW schedules, satellite schedules and E-Mail to every department at the league. There are resources to put you in touch with governmental agencies, shopping areas, medical information, entertainment, sports, news, weather, etc.

If you are thinking about getting on the Internet, you really owe it to yourself to check it out. Whether you use it for research, information or entertainment, you're bound to find what you're looking for on the Internet. If by chance you do, drop me a line - my E-Mail address is: johns@rex.imperium.net

HOW TO SOUND LIKE A LID by Rusty Bumpers, N4LID

On two meters lately, I have noticed a tendency of people making a concerted effort to sound like a lid. Since this appears to be the new style in Amateur Radio, I thought I would present this handy guide to radio nerd-dom. The following is what I call: "How to sound like a LID in one easy lesson."

Step One: Use as many Q signals as possible. Yes, I know they were invented solely for CW and are totally inappropriate for 2 meter FM, but they're fun and entertaining. They keep people guessing as to what you really meant. I.E. "I'm going to QSY to the Phone". Can you really change frequency to the phone? QSL used to mean "I am acknowledging receipt", but now it appears to mean "yes" or "OK". I guess I missed it when the ARRL changed the meaning. Also, it's best to use OK and QSL together. Redundancy is the better part of Lid-dom.

Step Two: Never laugh, when you can say "hi hi". No one will ever know you aren't a long time CW ragchewer if you don't tell them. They'll think you've been on since the days of Marconi.

Step Three: Utilize an alternative vocabulary. Use words like "destinated" and "negatory". It's OK to make up your own words here. "Yea Paul, I pheelbart zaphonix occasionally myself."

Step Four: Always say "XX4XXX" (insert your own call) "for I.D." As mentioned in Step One, anything that creates redundancy is always strongly encouraged. That's why we have the Department of Redundancy Department. (Please note that you can follow your call with "for identification purposes" instead of "for I.D." While taking longer to say, it is worth more lid-points.)

Step Five: The better the copy on 2 meter FM, the more you should phonetically spell your name, especially if it is a short and/or common one. I.E. "My name is Al...Alpha Lima" or "Jack...Juliatt Alpha Charlie Kilo." If at all possible, make up unintelligible phonetics. "My name is Bob...Billibong Oregano Bumperpool."

Step Six: Always give the calls of yourself and everyone who is (or has been) in the group, whether they are still there or not. While this has been unnecessary for years, it is still a wonderful memory test.

Step Seven: Whenever possible, use the wrong terminology. It keeps people guessing. Use "modulation" when you mean "deviation" and vice-versa.

Step Eight: If someone asks for a break, always finish your turn, talking as long as possible before turning it over. Whenever possible, pass it around a few times first. This will discourage the breaker and, if it is an emergency, will encourage him to switch to another repeater and not bother you.

Step Nine: Always ask involved questions of the person who is trying to sign out. Never let him get by with a yes or no answer. Make it a question that will take a long time to answer.

Step Ten: The less you know about a subject, the more you should speculate about it on the air. The amount of time spent on your speculations should be inversely proportional to your knowledge of the subject.

Step Eleven: If someone on the repeater is causing interference, you should talk about that person at great length, making sure to comment on at least 4 out of 6 of the following: (1) His mental state; (2) His family; (3) His intelligence, or lack of same; (4) His sexual preference; (5) His relationship to small animals; (6) His other methods of self entertainment.

Step Twelve: If you hear two amateurs start a conversation on the repeater, wait until they are 20 seconds into their contact, and then break-in to use the patch. Make sure that it's only a simple routine phone call. It's also very important that you run the autopatch for the full three minutes. This way, once the two re-establish contact, they won't even remember what they were talking about.

Step Thirteen: You hear someone on the repeater giving directions to a visiting amateur. Even if the

directions are good, make sure you break-in with your own "alternate route but better way to get there" version. This is most effective if several other LID trainees join in, each with a different route. By the time the amateur wanting directions unscrambles all the street names whizzing around in his head, he should have mobiled out of range of the repeater. This keeps you from having to stick around and help the guy get back out of town later.

These thirteen easy steps should put you well on the way to Lid-hood. I hope these helpful hints will save you some time in your quest to sound like the perfect Lid.

73, Rusty Bumpers, N4LID

(Rusty Bumpers is a pen name. He maintains anonymity so he can sit peacefully at club meetings and avoid the wrath (and breath) of the uninformed.)

Trying to learn the code?

Imagine you are down in your basement 5 nights a week, 52 weeks a year calling CQ for hours just to hear the static on your rig in return. Then imagine that you weren't doing this for yourself, but strictly to help others. Now you know how Lee must feel every night.

For almost 3 years now, one of our most valued members has conducted a net. Even though we have seen how popular nets can be in the Stark county area, this net usually only receives one or two check-ins per night. What's wrong with this picture????

Well you all know how much fun it is to check in to an emergency communications net, as we see every Tuesday night. But you obviously don't know how much more fun it is in CW.

Lee (KA8FTM) conducts the "Sloppy Fist Net" each night at 9:00 p.m. Est. on 28.138 MHz.. This net is not only one of the most exciting nets on the Ham-bands but it is open to all (assuming you have privileges there).

Many new hams who are trying to learn code run into a problem due to the fact that they are learning something that doesn't fit into their life. For example, imagine that you could not speak English. You would want so much to convey your thoughts to others but they would not understand you. That would be pretty miserable, but if you can speak English, you can easily communicate your thoughts to others and have fun doing it. Morse code is simply another language, but not just a language, it is the international language. Once you begin to use it, it will become a part of your life and then it will be easy and fun. Not to mention the contacts that you will be able to make to foreign countries that do not speak English.

In essence, we all need to check in to the net, whether we are beginners or old-timers who have used CW for years. Lee is very helpful, and understanding to new CW students and would love to have you on the net. There is no set speed and all are welcome from 3 to 30 WPM.

If you have 10 meter capabilities and anything to send with (this has been accomplished with two wires touched together before) please join Lee and the net, or we fear he will turn in to the Maytag repair man (HI HI).

Till next time: DAH DAH DIT DIT DIT DIT DIT DIT DAH DAH.....

What's New???

At the last trustees meeting, in November, it was proposed that the club could greatly benefit by having its own 6 meter equipment. John Sedlak (N8WHH) was the trustee who brought it to the attention of the forum. It was agreed upon that due to the ongoing problems with the 147.120 repeater, it would be necessary to provide an uninterrupted link between Stark county and the National Weather Service backbone repeater in Cleveland, Oh.. By purchasing the equipment and placing it in our shack, we will have a 24 hour a day communication system available to club members.

The proposed purchase would be in excess of \$500.00 so the trustees felt that it should be voted on by the club members. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed by the club at November's meeting.

The purchase will include; an Azden PCS-7500H 6 meter transceiver, A Diamond tri-plexor, and a diamond tri-band antenna to run the 6 meter, 2 meter and 440 MHz equipment. It was decided that there was not enough space for coax to facilitate the addition of a 6 meter antenna, so the club decided to use a tri-band antenna and replace the existing dual-bander.

Before the 6 meter is purchased, a test period will commence to assure the sheriff's department that there will be no interference (due to harmonics) to their 155.430 repeater used for official communication.

The 6 meter will add valuable emergency communication, not to mention the educational and exciting new experience of the band, for all the club members.

The trustees have assured us that the purchase will not exceed \$700.00, so it will be club money well spent.

We hope that all of you will get a chance to use the equipment and find out how much fun 6 meters can be.

CANTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES 11/15/95

The regular meeting of the Canton Amateur Radio Club was called to order on November 15, 1995 at 7:30 pm by Dale, KB8LWP. A round of introductions followed with 30 members in attendance and one guest.

Secretary's report: A motion was made to suspend the Secretary's report. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's report: Larry gave a report of the treasury, a motion was made to accept, the motion passed.

Old Business: Nothing was reported.

New Business: Jerry, KA8AHF, announced that he has membership cards for those who have already paid dues.

Dale, KB8LWP, announced that someone is needed IMMEDIATELY to fill the rest of the term for the position of Secretary. Anyone interested please contact Dale or any of the officers or Trustees.

Jerry, KA8AHF, reported that the Trustees have been talking about adding a 6 meter FM station to the club shack for a link to the National Weather Service in case of severe weather. We are looking at some radios and antennas, we are probably going to need an outlay \$750 to do it. John, N8WHH is going to look into possible interference between the 6 meter and anything the Sheriff may have. We don't want to do anything that may cause any interference to the Sheriff's communications system. We are going to do some more testing and by spring hope to have it up and ready. A discussion following, a motion was made to give the Trustees the authority to purchase this equipment. After further discussion, the motion passed.

Dale, KB8LWP, reported that the club is in need for someone to help with the editing of the newsletter. John, N8WHH, will continue to copy and staple but does not have the time to do it all. If anyone is interested in giving this a try, contact Dale or any of the officers or Trustees.

Ken's report: As always, Ken, W8EK, gave a very informative report.

The Meeting adjourned for coffee and donuts.

Support your club and club repeater by renewing your membership promptly.

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP - Any licensed Radio Amateur, contributing \$15.00 or more to the Canton Amateur Radio Club, will be placed on the Sustaining Membership Honor Roll for their generous contribution to the club treasury. They will have full privileges which includes voting rights, Feedline Bulletin, free Stark County Directory, which is published every two years and can hold any office in the club.

FULL MEMBERSHIP - Any licensed Radio Amateur, contributing \$10.00 for dues, is entitled to all club privileges as above.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP - Any person, with an interest in Amateur Radio and wanting to help support the club, that pays \$5.00 dues, will be entitled to the Feedline Bulletin, can promote the Football Hall of Fame Certificate, but has no other privileges nor can they hold any office.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP - Any family member, living in the same household as Full or Sustaining sponsoring member, for the payment of \$1.00 dues, will have the same privileges except only one Feedline Bulletin will be mailed to the address.

Positions Available

As you know, from time to time it is necessary to replace volunteers in the club as they decide to move on or retire. Well it is that time again, and we need to call on our members to help and support there club where they are needed. The following positions are available, and need to be filled as soon as possible:

VE Team Liaison

This position is one that can only be filled by an ARRL accredited Extra class volunteer examiner. The duties of this job include; conducting, organizing, and overseeing all test sessions held at the EOC. This also includes checking all paperwork and making sure all forms are filled out and sent to the ARRL in accordance to there guidelines. Furthermore, the liaison will be responsible for all test session funds and for stocking the necessary items to perform the tests. Finally, the liaison will be responsible for all communication between the VE team sessions and the ARRL.

If you are an Extra class examiner and would like to take over this position, please contact Dale Storey (KB8LWP). We have had one volunteer already , and though he was qualified, he was rejected by the board of trustees leaving us in the position that if this job is not filled by the end of the year, we could lose our special event service. In the meantime, we understand Gary Klein, WC8W will fill in as temporary VE. Thanks Gary!

Club Secretary

This position includes; keeping track of club meeting records, issuing membership cards and taking care of other club records.

If you are interested please contact Dale Storey(KB8LWP).

New 610 Forms Available

Moving?? Name change?? Taking a VE exam?? You'll need a new style 610 form. I just received about 20 of these forms from the ARRL for club purposes. If you would like one, give me a call and I'll send you one. Contact John, N8WHH @ 966-0467.

Local Interference And What You Can Do!! by John Sedlak, N8WHH

When you frequent any of the local VHF/UHF repeaters, you obviously are aware of the intentional interference and jamming that occurs. The 147.120, WD8AYE repeater is plagued with this stuff daily. The Tuesday night ARES net is a favorite time for our local idiots to show their stupidity by playing music, sound effects, rebroadcast of citizen band radio, etc. These individuals (more than one), take great pride in doing what they do. It is a game to them, and they feel as if they are untouchable, and are winning. For the longest time we took an attitude that "if we ignore them, then they'll go away". Well guess what? They didn't! They are still a major hemorrhoid to the amateur community.

One would think that all you have to do is call up the FCC and tell on these individuals, right?? And of course the FCC would ride into town and issue heavy fines and jail terms, right?? **WRONG!!!** I wish it were that simple. I've had conversations with the FCC, they tell me that they are understaffed, underfunded and overworked. If I wanted to write them a letter, they would be happy to file a claim. As a matter of fact, they only had one or two other complaints from our area on the subject.

It seems to me that this problem affects nearly everyone in our community. We all need to voice our opinion and ask for solutions. God help us if there ever is a real emergency here in Stark County and these idiots are jamming our repeaters. Tired of the nonsense? Tired of the harassment? Here's what you can do..... Take a piece of paper and a pen, and write! Put your concerns down on that piece of paper and send it to anyone who you think may be able to help us in this situation. We gain strength in numbers. Let the FCC know how you feel. Ask them for help. Write your local congressman, your state senators and anyone else you can think of that may be able to offer assistance. We do not have the resources locally to do this alone, we need help!

I will offer this list of people who may listen to our pleas. It is up to you to write. Please take the time to do so.....

James Bridgewater, Engineer in Charge
Federal Communications Commission
24897 Hathaway St.
Farmington Hills, MI 48335-1552
(810) 471-5605

Thomas M. Bernabei, Law Director
Canton City Law Dept.
218 Cleveland Ave. SW
Canton, OH 44702

Senator John Glenn
503 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510
(614) 469-6697

Senator Mike DeWine
140 Russell Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510
(202) 224-2315

Congressman Ralph Regula
4150 Belden Village St. NW Suite 408
Canton, OH 44718
(216) 489-4414

Paul LaFollette Jr., WB8ONA
Official Observer Coordinator, ARRL
153 E. Welch Ave.
Columbus, OH 43207-1113
(614) 443-3530

C.A.R.C. Membership Application/ Renewal

Name: _____ Call: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

ARRL Member? (Y) (N) If so, member number: _____

License Class: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Types of Memberships

Sustaining: \$15.00 _____

Full: \$10.00 _____

Associate: \$5.00 _____

Family Member: \$1.00 _____

Total Enclosed: _____

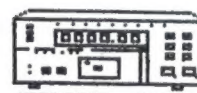
Please remit form and dues to:

Canton Amateur Radio Club
c/o Larry Schmader K8RMY
3726 12th St SW
Canton OH 44710

(This is a reminder to those of you who may have forgotten to pay your dues. We appreciate all your support!!)



January 1996



A Prosperous and Healthy New Year to All

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